Quantity seized in kgs.

Sl. No.	*Name of the Drug*	*1989*		*1990*		*1991 (Provisional)*	
		All over Country	*Rajasthan*	*All over Country*	*Rajasthan*	*All over Country*	*Rajasthan*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*
2.	Heroin	2714	369	2193	399	621	60
3.	Morphine	92	—	6	—	5	—
4.	Ganja	54463	2	39090	49	48210	418
5.	Hashish	8179	1801	6388	1870	4397	825
6.	Cocaine	3	0.100	1	—	—	—

(b) to (d). The Central Bureau of Investigation seized 88.4 kgs. of opium near Bus Stand in Jhalawar, Rajasthan on 20th December, 1991. Two persons were arrested in this case. Appropriate action under the relevant law has been taken in the case.

Barter Agreements

2975. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has urged the Government to treat barter agreements entered into by the Indian parties with foreign companies under the deferred payment scheme at par with the sale proceeds accrued from exports in convertible foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, the teaction/decision of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rupee Funding for Aided Project

2976. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has agreed to initiate discussions with multilateral agencies and the developed donor countries to ensure that India's exceptional financing needs for 1992-93 and 1993-94 are met through fast disbursing assistance and loans like to sectoral adjustment;

(b) if so, whether the World Bank has also agreed to the India's suggestion for enhancing the share of the rupee funding of projects aided by it;

(c) whether the World Bank has also suggested that any help to fiscal adjustment, the Government goal was to reduce the *fiscal deficit;*

(d) if so, wherher this suggestion has been accepted by the World Bank; and

(e) by what time a final decision is likely to be taken by the World Bank to provide funds for 1992-93 and 1993.94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is at a preliminary stage of discussion and no commitments have yet been made.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir.

(e) Decision will be taken at the annual aid India Consortium meetings of 1992 & 1993.

Indo-French Cooperation in Defence Field

2977. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:
SHRI RABI RAY:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and France have agreed in principle to cooperate each other in defence field;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by what time a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c). Cooperation in the Defence field between India and France has been continuing for the past serveral years. It is Not in the national interest to furnish the details thereof.

Seizure of Gold at Bombay International Airport

2978. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether gold bars worth crores of rupees were seized by the Customs authorities from a cargo consignment at Bombay International airport in January, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the quantity and value of gold seized; and

(c) the details of persons prosecuted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). On 13/01/1992, the officers of Sahar Airport Customs, Bombay, acting on information intercepted one circular wheel like iron structure weighing 575 kgs. which has arrived from Sharjah by Gulf Air and was described as forged carbon blind steel flange in the Airway Bill for delivery to a party in Bangalore. Preliminary inquiries indicate that the import was under a fictitious name and address and have not thrown any light about the persons involved. The steel flange was cut and this resulted in recovery and seizure of 1832 gold bars weighing 213.72 kgs. approximately and valued at Rs. 10.58 crores approximately.

Assistance to Small and Medium Newspapers

2979. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has issued guidelines to Scheduled Commercial Banks to the effect that advances made to small and medium Newspapers may be treated as priority sector advances;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether facilities provided to the small-scale industries are also proposed to be extended to small and medium newspapers; and